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IMPRISONED THOUGHT.

In effort vain
To reach the higher brain,
Thought beats her wings against the bar
Where kindred thoughts imprisoned are,
And, struggling still for mastery
Falls back too helpless to be free.

Anon, and thought
Escape almost had wrought;
Almost had breathed diviner air
When smothered, suffocated there
She feels a band of steel close round
Her gloomy prison and profound.

And yet the trend
Of thought doth upward-tend:
We feel somewhat above our powers,
Some thought of God akin to ours
That [illegible] and denies
What half-oped sight almost descries.

Mrs. C. H. Dye.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY.

It was three weeks before Christmas, but the Widow Bertram's little cottage on the edge of a lonely forest, in the northern part of Maine, was fragrant with the spicy odor of pine, holly and hemlock, great branches of which were heaped upon the floor of the small kitchen, while Milly's little fingers were tired enough of breaking off the prickly twigs, and making them into bunches for her mother and brother Jim, who deftly twined them into graceful garlands, wreathes and festoons; for soon there would be a call from the great cities for Christmas greens, with which to deck their homes and churches; and the Bertrams hoped, be supplying this need, to earn enough money to keep them comfortable through the long, cold winter, for they were very poor, and sometimes had hard work to drive the wolf from the door; and Jack Frost comes early and stays late in that far Northern State.

So seven-year-old Milly had to help all she could, and her hands were very skillful, and her bright eyes were quick in picking out just the right spray, or bunch of berries, and she worked away steadily, only stopping occasionally to hug Miss Araminta Cleopatra Fitz-James—a curious little specimen of a doll, made of a corn-cob, and dressed in a bit of faded calico, to which Milly had given so high-sounding a name as some compensation for other deficiencies, and which she loved with all her affectionate little heart.

"There, mother, isn't that a beauty?" said Jim, holding up a wreath he had just finished of rich, heavy evergreens, dotted with the bright scarlet holly berries.

"The prettiest one of all," said Milly. "I wonder who will buy it?"

"It don't matter, so long as we get the money," said Mrs. Bertram, sighing. "I had hoped to give you children a little taste of Christmas this year, but it has been such a bad season, I am afraid there won't be anything for toys or candy, even if we can pay the rent."

"Oh, never mind us, mother," said Jim, cheerily. "Perhaps good luck will come with the New Year; and anyway, we've all we want, only I wish Milly could have a real nice doll instead of that scarecrow yonder."

"Don't call my dearest, sweetest Araminta Cleopatra names," cried Milly, catching up the corn-cob, and showering kisses upon its rather scrubby head.

"You ought just to see the dolls I saw in the toy stores at T—," continued Jim, "with real hair, and cried when they were pinched, and natural as Mrs. Rattle's baby. I tell you, they'd make you open your eyes. You'd never look at Araminta Cleopatra Fitz James again."

"Yes, I should," said Milly, loyally, "though I would like to have a real dolly; but I've never seen one."

Mrs. Bertram sighed again, and softly wiped away a tear; but Jim exclaimed: "I've thought of a splendid plan!"

"Oh! what?" asked Milly.

"You see this stunner of a wreath I've just made?"

"Yes."

"Well! I think I deserve something for the extra pains I've taken, so I'll write a note, telling whoever buys it about you, and asking them to send you a doll; and we'll tie it in among the greens, and who knows but some kind-hearted person may find it and do as we ask. Wouldn't it be jolly if they should?"

"Too lovely for anything!" exclaimed Milly, and she capered round the room, at the very idea, ending her impromptu dance by embracing Araminta Cleopatra, and declaring that she should never love her any less even if she had a hundred china babies that cried just like Mrs. Rattle's Tommy.

So that evening, when the pine knots that served both for fuel and lights were blazing merrily in the open fireplace, Jim hunted up an old inkstand and pen, that had not seen the light for many a day, earned a sheet of paper from a neighbor, by bringing her a pail of water, and together he and Milly composed the letter, badly written and poorly spelled, but filled with a sort of pathos that must find its way to any heart at the holy Christmas-tide:

"Wil the one who gets tis reeth please send a dol to my sister milly, she never saw one 'cept araminter kleopatra fitz-james who is nothin but a corn cob. we are orful poor and make up greens to sel, milly Bunches and mother and i tie. We has not had a krismas or New Year's since a tree fell on father and killed him. please be so kind as to send the dol it woode mak us glad. milly is seven and I am ten.

"Yours truly, Jim Bertram.

"'the Corners,' B—— Countey, Maine."

This epistle Jim read aloud with a great deal of pride; and then he and Milly tied it securely in among the graceful hemlock branches; while the mother laughed at their foolishness, even though she hoped and prayed that they might not be disappointed; and two days later the "postman wreath," as the children called it, was packed with hundreds of others and shipped to New York, where it was bought by an uptown dealer and sold to an old gentleman who carried it home to his daughter, and she, pronouncing it "exquisite," gave it the most conspicuous place on the parlor wall, without, however, discovering the little missive so snugly hidden away.

It was Christmas night, and Mr. Langdon's spacious house was brilliant with fire and gaslight, that shone resplendent and lit up the garlands and wreaths that bordered the costly paintings and decked the frescoed walls; while music sounded through the apartments, and in carol, dance and game children and grand-children joined to celebrate the happy festal day. But in a low chair by the fire sat the youngest darling and pet of the household. Gracie Langdon, a fairy-like little creature, with soft blue eyes and golden curls, clasping tightly in her tiny arms an immense waxen doll—a present that day from good old Santa Claus.

She sat very still, and slowly her blue eyes traveled around the room until they were finally raised to a picture of the Madonna and Child above the mantel, over which hung the "postman" wreath made by the little children so far away in their lonely home.

"Oh, grandpa, come here!" called Gracie, suddenly. "What is it, Pussy?" asked Mr. Langdon, approaching the tiny rocking chair.

"There is something white sticking out from that pretty wreath," said Gracie, pointing with her her wee forefinger.

"So there is. Here, Freddy, come and see what this dainty lady has discovered."

At the summons a stalwart young fellow left the group around the piano and approached.

It was but the work of an instant for him to take down the garland, dislodge the paper from its hiding-place, and hand it, with a low bow, to his little cousin.

"Why, it's a letter!" she exclaimed. "You read it, grandpa."

The whole company had now gathered round, and, putting on his eye-glasses, grandpa read aloud Jim's note; and, as he finished, exclamations of wonder and pity sounded on all sides:

"What a strange letter-box!" "Poor children! something ought to be done for them;" while little Gracie, with her big eyes filled with tears, ran to her grandfather sobbing: "Oh, grandpa, I am so sorry for Milly! Here, take my new dolly and send it to her for a New Year's gift."

"To be sure I will," said Mr. Langdon, catching the generous little maiden in his arms and giving her what she called a "bear's hug," while for some reason his glasses did not seem as clear as usual.

It was the first day of January, clear, crisp and cold; but it was hardly a happy New Year in the Betram household, for the greens had not brought as much as they expected, and, after the rent of the small house and farm had been paid, there was little left for food and clothes, and the mother's heart was heavier than ever, and Jim had to whistle to keep up his spirits as he chopped away at the pile of wood in the yard.

Milly, too, was feeling rather disconsolate as she stood by the window making "peep-holes" with a hot penny in the thick frost which completely covered the panes, while Araminta Cleopatra looked more forlorn than ever, perched on the sil by her side.

With her eyes at one of the "peep-holes," Milly saw a wagon come lumbering slowly up the road and stop at the gate, and a man's voice was heard without inquiring if "Miss Milly Bertram lived there;" and immediately after the door was burst open and in rushed Jim, breathless with excitement, closely followed by a neighboring farmer bearing a large box.

"There, Miss Milly," he said, "I found that down at the 'Corners' for you, so I thought I'd bring it along. Guess somebody's been sending you a New Year's. But I can't stay to see, for my horses won't stand this snapping weather; so good morning, and many happy returns of the day."

"The same to you," cried Milly, "and thank you so much for bringing this up. Oh, Jim, do hurry and open the box!"

But her brother was already at work with his hatchet, and the cover was quickly removed, and revealed the beautiful wax image, the loveliest thing Milly had ever beheld.

"Oh! is it alive?" she asked in an awe-struck tone, clasping her hands; and it was some time before she ventured to touch the dainty doll, dressed in satin and lace, who had such bright eyes that opened and shut, curls of real glossy hair, and when a spring was touched cried "Pa-pa, ma-ma" in such a life-like manner. Indeed, she could hardly be persuaded that it was not a real living child.

Pinned to her skirts was a paper on which was written, "A New Year's gift for Milly Betram, from her new friend, little Gracie Langdon. Her name is Blanche Lillian White."

"Oh, the dear, darling little girl!" cried Milly. "But look! there are more things in the box."

And, indeed, there were. And as package after package was drawn forth, and disclosed dresses and shawls for both Milly and her mother, clothes, and an elegant pair of club skates labeled for "James Bertram, who thought only of his little sister," and lastly a purse well filled with gold and silver, the joy and ecstasies of the children knew no bounds, while the mother wept from very gladness.

That was, indeed, a happy New Year's Day; and when in the evening they sat before the fire of pine knots, the mother, wrapped in her new shawl, and with the old careworn look quite banished from her face, Jim polishing his new skates, on which he had enjoyed a fine race in the afternoon, and Milly with Blanche Lillian White and Araminta Cleopatra Fitz-James side by side in her lap, Jim remarked: "It must be nice to make other people happy; and next Christmas Gracie Langdon shall have the very handsomest box of evergreens that goes into New York City, in return for Milly's New Year's gift."

An Autumn Idyl.

The November sun was stealing between the daintily embroidered leaflets and playing on the ripples of the woodland rivulet.

The golden rod along the brookside was disturbed by the flight of some wild bird, and the sumacs in their cardinal fezes looked like so many nodding Turkish sentinels.

A glorious but brief period, when a delicate veil of haze hangs around the wood, and the indelicate politician hangs around the candidate to negotiate the sale of his vote; when the partridge drums up in the tree, and the suspender peddler drums up in the northern part of New York; when the honest farmer works the harvest field, and the young lady works the Christmas slippers for the clergyman; when poetic damsels pluck the languid ferns, and the unpoetic housewife plucks the languishing Thanksgiving turkey.

The birds twittered by the brook, and the squirrels darted along the stone wall and up in the tree, and the voices of merry nutting parties reverberated through the silent aisles of the forest, in harmony with the sincere but unpoetic squawk of the cat-bird.

That's about the style of a day it was when a light-hearted couple, tired of their woodland promenade, sat upon a fallen tree.

"I am always so happy in the woods," she commenced, "especially in the autumn, as the crepusculiar shadows steal timidly into the valley, for then I float back to childhood's happy time—"

"Glad to hear it," he replied, rather abruptly. "I shall bring you up here often; the air is exhilarating, and will do you good; and we will gather wild flowers and leaves and arrange them in quaint designs."

"Oh, you are so good!" she said in tones of deep, unswerving devotion. "I would much rather walk here with you than in the bustling city."

"You would?" he inquired, with a slight tremor in his voice.

"Indeed I would," she responded. "When here with you, all alone, I feel perfectly secure and happy."

"And so do I," he chanted, as he thrust his hand into his vest pocket and felt his capital, which consisted of two suspender buttons and a night-key. "So do I, my dear, because this pretty autumn wood is just about fourteen miles from the nearest ice-cream saloon."

AMERICAN FABLES.

THE MAN AND AND THE MOUSE.

A Man having caught a Mouse in a Trap held him at arm's length and exclaimed:

"Ah, you Rogue! I have you at last! Only the other Night you ate the Hind Pocket out of my Pants!"

"True, my Friend," replied the Mouse, "but I did you a good Turn at the same time. I ate up a Love Letter which your Wife got up an hour before Daylight to look for. But for me you would now be a Baldheaded old Coon."

"Shake!" said the Man, as he Drew down his Left Eye, and the Mouse shook himself out of the Trap and into his Hole.

THE MISTAKEN TRAMP.

A Tramp, who had not tasted Food for twenty-seven days, and who was Anxious to reach Buffalo in time to see his Mother die, knocked at a Door, and asked the woman for Heaven's sake to give him some work whereby he might Earn an Honest Quarter.

"Walk right around to the Back Door," she Promptly replied, and in About four Minutes the Tramp was introduced to a Pile of Hickory Wood and a Buck-saw. Then his Heart gladdened, for he meant to steal the Saw and Ax, but as he made for the Alley Fence a 200-pound Dog played with his Coat-Tails and rolled him over the Ash-pile until the woman came out and Chided him for his Impulsiveness and said to the Tramp:

"Now you Climb! and as you Pursue your weary way through Life's Cold Paths, remember that Truth is Mighty and Honesty is a Big thing on Ice."

THE FOOLISH GOOSE.

A Goose having been placed in a Pen and fed until she could scarcely Breathe happened to catch sight of a lean old Hen on the Fence, and called out:

"You can now see which of us stands highest in the estimation of our Master. Here I am provided with a Warm Pen and fed until my crop is bursting, while you have to Roost anywhere and have not an Ounce of Fat under your Feathers."

"That's all right, my Friend," replied the Hen, "but while your Goose will be cooked for Christmas, I shall live to see many Months yet."

IMAGINATION.

Three or four Doctors who had heard a great deal about the Effects of Imagination in cases of Disease put up a Job on a Sailor. After he had Lodged for the Night in a certain bed they Conspired to tell him that it had Previously been Occupied by a Small-Pox Patient. Did the Bold Tar at once begin to Shake and Tremble and Prostrate himself and Develop a Genuine Case of the Disease? Not for Joseph! He at Once shed his Jacket, gave his pants a hitch to Starboard and sailed in and knocked those Doctors Stiffer than Crowbars, and Taught them a lesson in Physics which they Remembered all their Lives.—*Detroit Free Press.*

"As we charged," says a war correspondent, "the bugle blue." It must have been a trumped-up charge.—*The Judge.*

OVER THE WIRES.

Edison's Experiences as a Telegrapher and How He Beat the Boys.

"What were the real facts of that Boston experience you had in fast receiving a good many years ago?" Mr. Edison was asked.

"Let me see: that was in 1868. I had been working in Louisville, Ky., a couple of years, and went from there to Michigan. A friend named Adams got me a place here in Boston, and I came over, arriving here about 4:30 o'clock, and had to go to work at 5:30 o'clock. Although it was the middle of winter I came into the office with a linen duster on, for I was very poor then. A fellow named Jack Wright, who knew me out West, thought to have some fun, so he posted the office and had New York put on an operator named Bagley at their end of the line, with a special of 800 words to the *Journal*. He had had my end switched to a table about the middle of the room, near the manager's desk. Not suspecting anything, I sat down and commenced taking it. Soon Bagley commenced to 'whoop 'em up,' and, although I was accustomed to keep six or eight words behind in copying, I thought it best to close up, especially as he commenced to send some awful sticking stuff, making l's of his m's and contracting his words, sending 'imy,' for instance, for 'immediately,' I having to write it out in full. Happening to look up, I noticed fifteen or twenty operators grinning behind me. Then I saw it was a 'put-up job,' and my blood got up and I determined I would not break. Operators in New York asked over other wires if I was getting it, and would hardly believe the replies. When I thought he had reached the top of his speed I opened my key and said: 'Don't go to sleep; shake yourself and hurry through this!'

"The way I managed it was this: I had practised all kinds of handwriting, and found that by a kind of print hand I could write fifty-five words per minute, and I knew there was no man who could keep up that speed with a telegraph key, so I felt safe if I could only read the ticking. I had no fears as to that either, as I had read all kinds of 'clipped' sending in the West. Another thing that was in my favor is, that I am a little deaf, so that the hum of an office does not disturb me, and I gave my whole attention to the clicking of an instrument.

"There is a little experience I had out in Indianapolis that may interest you. I was very ambitious to receive 'press report,' and used to sit up until the 2 a. m. 'press report;' listening beside the receiving operator, until after awhile I could receive it very nicely, and then I wanted to receive press myself. Naturally, when I had the real responsibility of taking it, I 'bulled' it bad at first, as they sent at the rate of forty words a minute. I thought the matter over, and worked out a little plan to have the 'register' indent some tin foil as it came in, and then had the boy turn it through another instrument, which ticked it off at the rate of about twenty-five words per minute, which I read and wrote off very easily. The only trouble was that we got '30' (good night) from the East about 2:30 a. m., while it was sometimes an hour or more later when we got the last sheet to the newspapers. They commenced to growl after awhile, and our manager dropped in on us one morning and discovered our little game in full blast.

"By the way, there were several valuable inventions wrapped up in that office trick. Talking of the tinfoil reminds me of another incident. There was a fast-sending tournament gotten up once, in which the judges were to be at St. Louis, and the fast-senders throughout the State were to send from their respective offices to the central office in St. Louis. Now, although I have a reputation as a receiver, I have just the opposite reputation as a sender, and when I entered my name in the list to compete there was great 'ha-haing' over the wires. We were given a chapter in the Bible to send, and, while the other men were practising sending it, I worked out the chapter on the tinfoil, and fixed everything already to turn the crank at the rate of about fifty or fifty-five words per minute, getting our boys to keep quiet about it. For some reason the contest never came off, and I did not have the pleasure of carrying off the prize."—*Boston Herald.*

Poverty Among Decayed Gentry.

A New York paper says: Speaking of the poor, one of the most pitiable shapes in which poverty appears is found among the decayed gentry. Almost all the old families which held distinction half a century ago in this city are now reduced to destitution. This is one of the laws of society, and cannot be avoided. Many of this class are people of tone and refinement, who, like Milton, have "fallen on evil days." We know instances where some of this class are pensioned by kind relatives who are in better condition, in order to keep the family up. Often, on the other hand, we find the decayed gentry filling petty offices in librareis and public buildings, and earning a pittance sufficient to keep them from the street. The revolutions to which wealth and learning are subject, are so rapid that it does not take long to bring the top to the bottom. The sad record is not limited to America. Walter Scott was glad to have his youngest son provided for, by a Government clerkship in London, which he held till he died, and which alone saved him from pauperism.

Petroleum.—The total values of the exports of petroleum and petroleum products from the United States during the month of October, 1882, were $4,004,179, and during October, 1881, $5,062,724. For the ten months ending October 31, 1882, $38,361,990, and for the ten months ending October 31, 1881, $40,015,685.

IN A FARO BANK.

How the Green Ones are Swindled out of their Money.

"I am going to take you into the most stylish faro room in the city," said a sporting man to a reporter. "See all you have a mind to, but don't talk until we get out."

Through a saloon, past a cigar counter to a billiard room; thence up a carpeted stairway, at the top of which Old Sport stopped and exclaimed:

"Now, use your eyes! See that heavy trap-door, fitted with heavy spring bolts. When that door is closed, nothing short of a battering-ram can break it open. It is held open by a light spring catch, and that is operated by a fine wire that runs along the floor, and down behind the bar, being never out of reach of that bartender's hands. If a policeman, or any one else whom they don't want up here, starts for this stairway, down drops the door, and he don't come up."

The stairway led to a well-carpeted hall, at the bottom of which was a green baize door. Passing this the visitors found themselves in a large and well-lighted room—the lair of the tiger. Gamblers usually speak of faro playing as "bucking the tiger," but if any one imagines that the animal is other than a fat, sleek, attractive-looking feline, they make a great mistake. Only the furry coat is exposed; one must join in the play in order to get a glimpse of the fangs and claws.

Upon the green cloth that covered a long table were pasted the thirteen cards that comprise a suit, there being considerable space between them. Back of this table, with his black soft hat slanted down over his eyes to shield them from the light, sat a heavy-built man, with an enormous spark in his shirt front, a nobby suit of clothes; dainty, white hands, the left badly erupted with diamonds; and keen, dark eyes that roved from end to end of the table continually. This was the dealer.

At the right hand of the dealer, and near the end of the table, sits a man with a box before him that closely resembles a small backgammon board. Across its two compartments upon wires are thirteen rows of buttons, four in a row, such as are used in counting billiards. They are here used to keep count of the cards drawn by the dealer. This individual is very large in the waistcoat and his clothing is very seedy. His eyes are dull and watery; his face, though full and round, is sallow and pimply, and in its center glows a bulbous nose that would sizzle if thrown into water. He is a happy man whenever some one asks him to take a drink, and the waiter always brings him a tumbler of whisky. This man is the case-keeper.

Opposite the dealer, there is a motley crowd. Along the entire side of the table there is a row seated. Behind these are others standing. The one who sits opposite the dealer, puffing vigorously at a cigar which points upward and outward from the corner of his mouth, is a professional gambler, who wins and loses with such apparent unconcern as to suggest the probability that he "stands in" with the bank. Next to him on the left is a grocer who acquired a passion for play while in the army, and he hasn't spent a dozen evenings at home with his family in a dozen years. Next to him sits a bachelor lawyer who commenced practice in N. Y. City nearly twenty years ago, with excellent prospects. He is a good advocate, is well up in the tricks of his trade and makes $3,000 to $4,000 per year. He might be better working somewhere for his board and clothes, for that is all he derives from his income. The remainder of it he contributes to the support of gamblers. He is a reckless player, and rarely goes home with a dollar in his pocket.

That fine-looking young man is a commercial traveler from the East. One of these nights he will travel out of the country, and then an Eastern firm will commence investigating with a view of ascertaining how much they must charge up to profit and loss to make their accounts balance. The two pale youths have each got a rich "governor," but he doesn't govern them worth a cent. They are "firing" his money with a liberal hand. That foul-mouthed fellow who is loudly affirming that he broke a bank once, keeps a saloon and lodging house on the Potomac. That stylish-dressed chap is is a capper for the bank, and the bronzed unkempt-looking man with him is a farmer who brought in a load of poultry and hogs in the morning, which he has sold for a good price. The capper saw him selling them, and managed to fall into conversation with him. He has treated him two or three times, and is taking him around to see the sights. Farmers always want to see the sights, and especially if there is a little wickedness connected therewith.

"Come and take a drink," said the capper. "He's got some of the finest Bourbon here you ever tasted." Then, in a whisper: "It's free, too. Don't cost you a cent."

Proof whisky is a stranger to the granger's stomach. Five minutes after he is telling that he hasn't played a "keerd" since he was a boy and used to play out in the haymow in the barn on Sunday.

"Was you lucky at cards?" inquired the capper.

"Yes, siree, you bet I was. There wasn't a boy in our neighborhood that could beat me playing high-low-jack-and-the-game!"

"Say!" said the capper, nudging him in the ribs and pointing to the table "there's three kings come out loser in succession. There's only one more in the pack, and it's two to one that that comes out winner. Let's you and I put five dollars apiece on it."

"No, I never gamble," said the farmer, as if half ashamed to own it.

"That's not gambling; it's only making a bet that the king will come out a winner; that's all. Here, I'll put up five dollars for you," and a ten dollar bill was laid upon the king. A turn of the cards, and the king had won. The dealer threw out two new five dollar bills, one of which the capper passed to the farmer, saying: "There, I've made five dollars for you in a minute. If a man has got luck he can make more money here in a day than he can on a farm in a year."

Meantime the dealer had been shuffling the cards, and had dexterously placed a king the second card from the bottom, a fact of which the capper was aware.

"Go on the king again," he said to the farmer. "Even if you lose, you are even with the game."

Down went the bill upon the king, and the next instant the dealer placed a second five with the first.

"You are lucky," said the capper. "If I had your luck, I'd break the bank before morning. Let's take another drink!"

With the second glass of the powerful liquor departed the last vestige of the farmer's caution, and he took a seat at the table, bought a stack of chips, and, guided by the capper, commenced playing recklessly. He won, then lost, lost again, doubled his bet and won, lost once more, kept losing, and an hour later his old wallet lay before him upon the table as empty as a tin horn.

"I'm tired," said the dealer, yawning. "It's time to shut up, gentlemen; so let's take a drink and go." And out into the street went the farmer, to reel to the hotel stable where he had left his horses, drive sadly home along in the small hours of the morning, and to go to bed with nothing but an aching head, and a bitter, very bitter, lesson to show for all the hogs and poultry he had raised in a season.

The next morning he told his wife that he had his pocket picked at the market.

CLAIMING THE CAPITOL'S SITE.

The Startling Expectations of Forty Heirs to the Alleged Blackmore Estate.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh, Pa., says:—Papers have been prepared for the institution of an ejectment suit in the United States Circuit Court that interests every citizen of the United States. The property involved in this instance is the ground upon which stands the United States Capitol building, the White House, Treasury, Naval, and other Government buildings and hundreds of fine dwellings and business houses, as well as thousands of acres of land in Georgetown and in Maryland and Washington county, Pa. Besides this vast amount of real estate, there is said to be considerable money in the Bank of England belonging to claimants. The owner of this vast amount of property was William Blackmore, who settled on this side of the Atlantic in colonial times. By some means not known to the present generation, he became possessed of the land described. At his death the property passed into other hands, and subsequently the States of Maryland and Virginia donated that portion upon which is located the Capitol and other Government building to the Federal Government. Many years thereafter claimants to the property sprung up from different parts of the country, but it seems that legal proceedings were never before instituted. The late ex-Mayor Blackmore of Pittsburgh was, it is claimed, the grandson of the original owner of the land. Shortly after his death, and during the Blackmore bankruptcy proceedings in the United States District Court of this city, an allowance was ordered to be made to the assignee, J. G. MacConnell, Esq., for the purpose of prosecuting the claims of the heirs of the ex-Mayor. In accordance with this order, Mr. MacConnell has been looking up the records, and has a representative in Washington. Several months ago two attorneys from the capital called upon the widow of the ex-Mayor and offered to institute legal proceedings for her, provided she would give them a retainer. This she declined to do. Other Pittsburgh claimants to the estate are ex-Sheriff Patterson of East End, Dr. Samuel Beltzehoover of Diamond street, and one of the oldest families of Mansfield on the Panhandle road. Recently about forty claimants met at Mansfield, contributed money toward prosecuting the claim, and sent a representative to Washington, who is gathering points upon which to proceed. Besides this concerted action taken by claimants, they are nearly all individually represented by counsel.

The location and extent of the property claimed is as follows: In the District of Columbia are 481 acres, 100 acres near Bladensburg, Md., 500 acres in Washington county, Pennsylvania, taking in the Boyer property, and a vast treasure in the Bank of England. The amount involved can hardly be estimated, but it certainly reaches hundreds of millions of dollars.

A Good Place for Live Men.

"There is a charm in New York, in the thoroughness with which it attends to those who are yet alive," writes "Gath" to the Cincinnati *Enquirer*. "Men of skill, facility, snap, or address are quickly seized upon here, quickly appreciated, and quickly advanced. It has never been a good market for respectable mediocrity or reliable dullness. Men know each other so little that, when they find congenial lieutenants, they grappel them at once, and the two go forward together master and man. I have seen astonishing instances of prominence taking hold of obscurity. The wearing out of tissue and of force here requires constant assistance from youth and ambition. Except among the old, stupid Dutch families, marriages are generally made in New York by rapid ignitions between accumulation and spirit. The man who has made something or kept something, is cheifly afraid he is going to lose it, and looks around for that assistance which a blood connection will bring and hold his fortune fast."

A LITTLE FLOATING HUMOR.

Texas Siftings—Boiled Rice—Proverbs—The Michigan Editor—Stray Items, etc.

WHERE HE HAD HIM.

A colored man who was driving a horse and cutter the other day, came down Woodward avenue just ahead of a white man with a similar rig, and although the latter made every effort to get past, his horse hadn't quite enough speed to accomplish the feat. When the colored man pulled up a policeman approached him and said:

"Young man, what do you mean by driving in that manner?"

"I'ze dun sorry if I'ze broke de law, sah."

"Well, you have broken it, and I'm a good mind to make complaint."

"Sorry, sah, werry sorry, but I couldn't help it. You see, I had dis hoss at de shop de odder day an' dat white man picked a fuss wid me an' called me a nigger."

"Suppose he did?"

"Nuffin', sah. I didn't keer two cents fur all he said, but dis yere hoss heard it an' dat's de trouble. I was joggin' 'long up yere a few blocks when dat white man cum 'long. De hoss looked back an' seed 'twas de same man who called us names, an' up went his head an' tail an' away he stopped. All I could do was to sot still an' hold him level."

"Well, don't you do it again."

"No, sah. I reckon dat arter a nigger wid an ole hoss like dis has led a white man wid a trotter like dat fur a clean mile right down de avenue dat boaf de hoss an' de nigger can call it squar!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

BOILED RICE.

The story of the water which got into the hold of a ship loaded with rice, and so swelled the cargo that it burst the vessel asunder, reminds the editor of the Kinderhook Rough Notes of the captain of a North River sloop, who, having hired a new cook at Albany, set him to cooking rice, which he said he had done a hundred times. Telling him that he would find five pounds in the locker, and cautioning him against cooking too much the captain went about his business of loading his vessel with pig-iron. In half an hour the new cook rushed out exclaiming: "For God's sake, captain, don't take on any more pig-iron; we'll have a load of biled rice before night." The captain rushed into the cabin, where he found all the pots, kettles, pails, pans, dishes, and even two wash-tubs full to overflowing with cooked rice, which was also seething over the top of the kettle and falling off upon the stove and the floor. "What'n thunder you been doin'?" yelled the skipper as he glanced around. "How much 'rice did you put in that pot?" "Put the whole of it, cap," said the lad, "and I've been doin' nothin' but balin' out rice for the last twenty minutes. Great Moses! where does all the stuff come from?"

TEXAS SIFTINGS.

It is difficult to make the editor, who receives dozens of original communications every mail, believe that there are three millions of white people in the United States who cannot write.

A New York bigamist pleaded that he did not consider his first marriage binding, because he was drunk; but it seems the knot was tied as tight as he was, himself.

Niagara Falls has been fenced in, and before a stranger is allowed to become awed into silence by the unspeakable grandeur of the cataract, he has to conciliate a freckled-faced old fraud, with pimples on his nose, by paying seventy-five cents in actual cash.

On the envelope containing Garibaldi's will was written in English: "Overcome evil with good." Probably when Garibaldi wrote the word good he had a twinge from one of his old wounds, which caused him to neglect adding the word "firearms."

Change says: "Politics makes strange bedfellows." Yes, and occasionally politics make bad fellows, or bad fellows make politics, we hardly know which.

COULDN'T WORK THAT STRING.

In the early days of what is now a very rich and widely circulated Michigan weekly newspaper, says M. Quad, the editor had occasion to bestow some advice on a rich and influential citizen. The advice was not kindly taken. On the contrary, word was sent to the office that in case the offense was repeated somebody would be made to suffer for it. It was promptly repeated, of course, and the influential citizen soon appeared and began:

"Sir! you have seen fit to attack me through the columns of your paper. You have declared war. I accept it. From this on it shall be war to the knife. My brother will withdraw his advertising."

"Never advertised a line with us," replied the editor.

"I will ask my friends to refuse you all job work."

"This whole town does not have $10 worth a year."

"You shall have no more legal advertising."

"Never had a square of it yet, and don't expect any."

"Sir!" exclaimed Influential, as he paused in his walk, "I will ride through the country and stop your subscriptions; yes, sir, I will lose you 400 subscribers between this and winter."

"How many?"

"Four hundred, sir."

"Col. Blank!" shouted the editor, as he arose up in his wrath, "you are the biggest fool in America! How on earth are you going to take 400 subscribers off my books when the *Gazette* has only 355, counting in all the dead-heads and dead-beats? Go away, sir! Go and take your revenge by throwing stones at my cow and making up faces at my dog!"

STRAY ITEM.

"What is sweeter than taffee?" asked Angeline of Augustus. "My sweetheart," he replied; and she believed him.

Mr. Younghusband, who received seven silver ladles among his wedding presents, says he is in favor of "silver service reform."

"Yes," said the father. "I like to have my daughter have a beau, on the score of economy. If she didn't, some of the other members of the family would occupy the parlor and burn gas."

A soft answer may turn away wrath, but it is far safer to trust to the legs in case the other party is real mad.

Whoever doubts that the newspapers have a mission should enter a car and see how useful they are to the men when a fat woman with a big basket is looking around for a seat.—*Lowell Citizen.*

Things one would rather have left unsaid. Hostess—"What, must you go already, professor?" The professor—"My dear madam, there is a limit even to my capacity of inflicting myself on my friend?" Hostess—"Oh no, not at all, I assure you!"—*Punch*

Prof. Langley, of Pittsburg, discovered a remarkably new black spot upon Venus during her transit through that city. This is the usual experience of visitors to Pittsburgh. They are lucky if they get off with only one spot.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Bubb Doddington was very lethargic. Falling asleep one day, after dinner with Sir Richard Temple and Lord Cobham, the latter reproached Doddington with his drowsiness. Doddington denied having been asleep; and to prove he had not, offered to repeat all Lord Cobham had been saying. Cobham challenged him to do so. Doddington repeated a story; and Lord Cobham owned he had been telling it. "Well," said Doddington, "and yet I did not hear a word of it; but I went to sleep because I knew that about this time of the day you would tell that story."

Under the new penal code of a New York man cuts his throat and fails to terminate his life, he is arrested on a charge of felony. New York is getting to be a very poor place for a man to have any fun. The new law will have the effect of impelling would-be suicides to either ride on the Elevated Railroad or experiment with a patent fire-escape.—*Norristown Herald.*

PROVERBS.

Beware of false prophets and patent tooth-ache drops.

Look not upon the horse race and monkey with the pool-seller, for it is not wise to bet unless you can win.

Try not to guy the stranger who sojourneth in thy land and seemeth meek and sad; for of such are three-card monte men made.

A wise woman will not light the fire with kerosene, but will invite the servant girl to whom she owes three months' wages to do the same.

If a man smites thee on the right cheek, turn also to him thy left cheek, and peradventure thou canst with great ease plant a kick that will cause him to become discouraged and repent of his folly.

The young man who drinketh too copiously of fire-water and trieth to "run a town," will surely come to grief, when in the fullness of time he hath everlastingly hammered the stubborn limestone.

Experience is a high-grade school—course thorough, tuition free—but incidental expenses enormous.

The foolish man sayeth to himself: "I will blow in the muzzle of this empty gun," and the wise coroner will say in his report: "Accidentally blowed to the hereafter."—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Cool Printer.

Rats will fight desperately when death is the only alternative, and he is a wise man who keeps out of the reach of their teeth. The following anecdote shows how a man of "nerve" ought to act when the enemy is at very close range. A printer happened in at a hotel in Sacramento the other day just in time to join a group of men who were waiting to see a terrier kill a rat. The cage was opened and the rat most unexpectedly ran up the printer's leg inside his trousers. He did not scream or clutch, but clenched his hands, stood erect and coolly told those present to be quiet. "Now he is going up my knee, now he is up my thigh; now he has passed to the small of my back; now he rests. Don't strike; don't seize him. Here, take a small stick, tap gently just above the rascal—gently, gently. That's it; drive him down easily—don't provoke him. Now he moves, now he turns—press gently; now he descends; there he goes around my hip; now he turns downward; here he comes by my knee—there, he's out." And so he was, and the terrier forthwith monopolized him.

A Philadelphian, detained by business, spent a recent Sunday in Baltimore. In the evening he went into a saloon and took a drink, several men who were present drinking with him. The next morning he was astonished by a summons to appear before the Grand Jury as a witness to prove that the saloon-keeper had violated the Sunday law. He acknowledged that he had taken in the place named, and when asked if others were present, promptly pointed out two of the jurymen as his chance companions of the night before. "That will do," interrupted the foreman hastily; "that will do, you can go home," and the Philadelphian was politely escorted to the door by a bailiff.

The Everglades.—An expedition has been sent by the New Orleans *Times* to explore the Everglades of Florida, and especially investigate Lake Okeechobee, lying in the heart of the swamp. The project of draining the region into the Gulf of Mexico, and thus turning it into tillage for cane, oranges and other tropical products is talked of by capitalists.

ASHLAND ALLECATIONS.

T. E. Shepard was lately here.

Mrs. A. B. Cummings is in Concord visiting.

M. L. Lane and family, Cass Hiram and Mrs. Luther Cass are visiting in Meredith.

One of David Pierce's cows gives 8 quarts of milk per day.

There was a Christmas tree at Mrs. S. D. Whitten's.

J. S. Merrill will soon be at work again for Wilder & Co.

The Ladies' Circle, F. B. society, will meet at the parsonage Thursday afternoon and evening. Supper from 5 to 8. All cordially invited.

A special train will return to Ashland at the close of the musical entertainment at Plymouth, Jan. 2d and 3d, if fifty people will go from this place. See programmes on another page.

Mrs. E. L. Shepard and Mrs. F. M. Hughes were each presented with a lamp and a pickle jar Christmas, by their friends at the F. B. Church.

The Town Hall Christmas entertainment, Monday evening was a pronounced success. The crowd was large and the singing fine. The pastor of the F. W. B. church and wife were well remembered.

Capt. J. G. B. Adams, Postmaster of Lynn, Mass., (late of Co. A, 19th Mass. Vols.) gave good satisfaction to all who attended his lecture before O. W. Keyes Post G. A. R., at Town Hall, the evening of the 23rd, by relating his experience in the late rebellion, as a prisoner of war. Capt. Adams is President of the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Mass., Representative to the grand encampment which meets at Denver, Colorado, next summer, and a member of the Ex Prisoners' Association, of Massachusetts.

Ralph H. Shaw, son of David W. Shaw, formerly of this place, died at the residence of his father, in Bartlett, last Sunday morning, at the age of 24 years. His remains were brought to this place Tuesday evening, and were buried Wednesday afternoon, from St. Marks Episcopal church, Rev Mr. Waterman of Tilton, reading the service. He was a young man of fine promise, and had been employed at printing, near Boston.

Col. T. P. Cheney, and wife had a Christmas party at which were present J. F. Keyes, Esq. and family, P. M. Clapp and family, R. R. D. Dearborn and wife and mother.

Officers elected by Ashland Division, No. 45, S. of T., for the current quarter: Mrs. Mary J. Cass, W. P.; Mrs. S. F. Mudgett, W. A.; Mrs. Allen E. Morrison, R. S.; Miss [illegible] Mudgett, A. R. S.; Miss A. E. Harriman, F. S.; Miss R. F. Sanborn, T.; Mrs. Martha M. Sargent, Chap.; Miss Clara B. Sanborn, C.; Miss Annie Woodman, A. C.; Miss S. F. Haynes, I. S.; Mrs Nellie [illegible] Allen, O. S.; Mrs. S. J. Brown, Investing Officer.; Mrs. G. E. Sargent, Organist." They have gained seventeen new members this quarter.

Grafton Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., officers for the ensuing six months: Henry S. Lyford, N. G.; James Gordon, V. G.; E. Freeman Sanborn, secty.; Albert E. Foster, Treas.; Henry C. Dearborn, Henry Page and James M. Cotton, Trustees.

Christmas evening, the Odd Fellows sent a barrel of flour, thirty pounds of sugar and four pounds of coffee, in a sleigh and drew them, with one of their number astride the barrel of flour blowing a horn, to the parsonage where they were presented to their Brother, Rev. D. W. Davis.

The Episcopalians held their Christmas festival and tree at the residence of Mr. David Pierce, Dec. 26. It was well attended and much enjoyed by those present. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a large and valuable mirror and other minor gifts to Mrs. H. C. Dearborn the talented and accommodating organist at St. Marks.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

Harry Dow of New Hampton has been visiting here.

Mumps are prevalent.

Mrs. J. C. Burleigh, of Sandwich, has been here lately.

Mrs. O. Hines, and her sister Nora, have moved into S. Estes' house.

J. E. Livingston of Centre Harbor, a very fine carpenter is at work for L. W. Cram. He is a deaf mute.

C. C. Whitten has lately returned here.

Wm. Pike and family were lately given $25.00 worth of needful articles, by a sister in the West.

A. A. Kidder & Co. have put in a 2000 pound Morse safe.

George S. Cram Relief corps will give a dime entertainment at Grand Army Hall Monday evening, January 8th. The exercises will consist of music, tableaux, and a farce entitled "Slighted Treasures."

A petition, asking Congress to reduce the tax on sugar, has been circulated here.

The North church society gave Hon. S. W. Rollins and wife a vase of flowers and one of Rogers' statuettes on Christmas.

Messrs. Choate, Pettengill and Prescott lately caught a bushel of pickerel in one day.

Beulah Cate, Rosa Lawrence, Myrtie Glidden, Etta Pickering, Clara Pinkham, Eva Plummer, B. Frank Beldin received the roll of honor at the close of the Centre School.

N. G. Wadleigh's saw mill is shut down this week.

An inspection of the telegraph to Centre Harbor lately found it broken in several places while numerous glass insulators had been destroyed.

The Christmas trees at the three churches with their attendant exercises were much enjoyed by all present.

There was a Christmas tree and free supper at the Centre.

Miss Perkins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Whiting.

Mrs. John Glidden is in Concord tending her son who is sick.

Merrill Doe's funeral at Weirs Tuesday was conducted by the Odd Fellows of this place.

A. S. Clough bought a Christmas turkey of J. H. Knowles & Co., that had a 10 cent piece in its interior.

Dr. George Sanborn had a gold lined fruit dish and vase for a Christmas present from A. W. Kalsey of St. Louis.

Wyatt Folsom has been to Sandwich to attend his mother's funeral.

Sam Hodgson has returned.

There was a Baptist sociable Wednesday evening.

Miss Eva Beede spent her vacation at home.

The High school boys gave Mrs. G. H. Norris a nice Christmas present.

N.B. Wadleigh will start up soon.

A. Lavalley has been ill.

T.L. Wadleigh has been to Maine.

Jerry Smith and wife of Warren have been here.

J. H. Knowles is better.

Miss Marion Gilman has been at home.

WOODSTOCK.

Winter is here with plenty of snow.

Bell Jackman has regained her health so as to be out again.

Bell Favor is very sick with a throat difficulty.

Henry Smith is sick with rheumatic fever. Dr. Guilford attends him.

Mr. Perley, the fruit agent, is in this vicinity again. Glad to see him.

Logging is the business of the day. A large number of men and cattle are at work and many more will be soon.

Christmas was observed at the Free Will Baptist church Monday evening. The tree was loaded with presents for many. A good time generally.

Lewis Kendrick is moving into Mrs. Vincent's house. He has leased the farm for one year.

Henry Dearborn, son of David Dearborn accidentally shot himself with a gun in his face. Not fatal.

CAMPTON.

The Christmas entertainment at the Baptist vestry Monday evening passed off very pleasantly. The house was full of people who seemed much interested in the exercises, especially with the distribution of the presents, of which there were hundreds, some quite valuable. B.

Mrs. Phebe Cross is very sick and there are no hopes of her recovery.

They say our new blacksmith Mr Evans can't be beaten in fixing over old axes.

Perkins Cook, of the firm of Perry, Cook & Fowler, wholesale dry goods merchants of Boston and son of Joseph Cook of this town is very sick at his boarding place in Boston. B.

Did the earthquake cause the what you call it, or was it the reverse? Last week Tuesday, as Henry Plummer and wife were driving home from Rumney village to East Rumney, in the afternoon near 4 o'clock on that day they saw passing very swiftly through the air what seemed to be an immense ball of fire with a long tail, which looked like a blaze of flame. It was also seen by a Mr. Downing of East Rumney, and by people in Campton village. Its course was nearly from Northeast to Southwest.

Our people are filling their ice houses.

The water in the wells and springs is very low, and some have failed entirely. I suppose if we should ask what are we going to do for water, some bright one would answer "melt snow".

We know of one young man in town who got a Christmas present valued at fifteen hundred dollars.

Good hay finds a ready sale at $20 per ton. B.

LOON POND.

Some of the farmers find it difficult to get their grists ground at the various mills on account of the scarcity of water.

Winter seems to have come in earnest, judging by the cold weather and frequent snow storms.

Mr. Gill found one of his cows a short time since with one of its horns torn off.

Mrs. Fields is now making the nicest hair work found in this vicinity.

Etta Hobbs has gone to West Rumney.

Cold as the weather may be, it is no uncommon occurrence to awake in the morning and find that the essence peddlers have visited your premises during the night.

Several children in this locality have, within a short time, been sick with the measles. There are no new cases heard from.

J. Corliss is cutting the wood with the intention of clearing the land between his residence and the highway.

The young population often remind us that Christmas is near at hand.

Mrs. C. B. Simpson, E. D. Hobbs, of West Rumney, have recently made a short visit in this place.

There are several Christmas trees in this locality, but none of them are to be appropriated to the use of Santa Claus this year. We rejoice in the good time that is coming, for the trees are looking green and thrifty.

Our roads have been badly drifted and required considerable breaking out to be passable.

Long Parliament was dissolved in 1653.

GEOLOGICAL SKETCHES AT HOME AND ABROAD. By ARCHIBALD GEIKIE. Price 15 cents. J. Fitzgerald, Publisher, 20 Lafayette Place, New York.

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In Rumney, Dec. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Doe, a son.

In Plymouth, Dec. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lougee, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In Plymouth, Dec. 25, by Rev. D. C. Knowles, Charles H. Leach of Littleton, to Miss Clara F. Morse of Plymouth.

DIED.

In Bartlett, N. H., Dec. 24, Ralph H. Shaw, of consumption, aged 24 yrs.

WESTERN CORRESPONDENCE.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 18, 1882.
Emigrants from the East arrive in Sacramento at the rate of one hundred daily, coming by the way of Omaha, and Kansas City.

Land in the Sacramento Valley has increased from 20 to 30 per cent in value during the last year, owing to the fact that hydraulic mining which threatened to cover the valley with its debris has been measurably stopped, with a good prospect for it to be entirely done away with.

There has been a larger acreage of grain sown this season than was sown last year up to the present date, with the prospect that there will be a much larger amount seeded this winter than was ever sown in the State, any year in the past.

Rain came in October sufficient to wet the ground for plowing, and for two months past, there has been but one light rain, enabling ranchers to seed their lands, the weather during that time being as fine as any Indian summer days in New England.

At the time of writing grain is from 4 to 12 inches high; grass is growing green and the flowers are in blossom.

I see in the columns of the Journal that Gen. Man. J. A. Dodge in company with others is on his way, to make a visit in California, of some months. Others are daily coming from far and near, by water and by land. Truly as it is said, "Westward the star of empire takes its way." C.

The Art Amateur, for January fairly overflows with those designs, illustrations and practical suggestions for art work and home decoration which make this admirable magazine a welcome visitor in so many cultured American households. A superb portrait of the English etcher, Francis Seymour Haden; some striking charcoal and pencil sketches by Walter Shirlaw; a very interesting collection of miniatures by Cosway, and a double page of Salmagundi Exhibition sketches are notable features of this number. The illustrations of Volkmar faience, artistic furniture and pianos, tapestry needlework and jewelry are especially good. Practical articles on fan painting, miniature painting, china painting and art needlework are given together with valuable "hints for the home" and "answers to correspondents." In the supplement sheets are full-size designs for a panel of cherubs' heads; apple-blossom decoration for vase; birds and pine-needles for a cup and saucer; an ivy and owl decoration of seven'een tiles for a fire-place facing; a four-page floral design from the Royal School of Art Needlework, for an embroidered screen; part of an embroidered cope, and sixteen borders for prayer-book illumination. Price 35 cents. Montague Marks, publisher, 23 Union Square, New York.

The December Apollo comes to our table, laden with choice material for the instruction and amusement of its readers. Every page of this, the second number, is stamped with the determination of the editor to make the magazine worthy of the musical metropolis which is its birthplace. He has called to his aid the services of Mr. T. D. Tooker, a gentleman long and favorably known in connection with musical journalism in Boston, whose large experience will be of great value in building up a magazine that shall be worthy of the largest success. The leading articles in the December number are: The second article on "Vocal Education;" "A plea for Musical Culture;" "Comprehensive Culture of Musicians;" "The Violin and Bow;" "Maryland's Greatest Band;" Editorial Notes and Comments; Poetry; Condensed News, and a varied Miscellany. Three pieces of music are also given:—"Jersey Lily Waltzes," for piano; "Over the Garden Wall," cornet and piano; March, from "Fidelio," violin and piano. The low subscription price of $1.50 per year including premium, ought to insure it a reception in every musical family. L. E. Whipple, Publisher, Boston, Mass.
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Messrs. W. H. Thompson & Co., of Boston, Mass. (see per advertisement in another column) have in press and will soon issue a new book entitled "Miss Richards' Boy" from the pen of the popular author Josiah Allen's wife, who heretofore so pleased the public with her spicy books "My Opinions and Betsy Bobbet's," "Samantha at the Centennial," and "My Wayward Pardner," over which many a hearty laugh has been had. This new volume differs in many respects from her previous works, and promises to surpass them all. It will contain a fine portrait of the author, which will satisfy the curiosity of many who have often wished to know just how Josiah Allen's wife looks. The book will be sold only by subscription, and agents are wanted in every township.

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"O my stomach!" "O Moses!" "O help! "I shall die!"
"How I wish that I hadn't had half as much pie!"
"O mother!" "Come, anyw!" "O what shall I do?"
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Hiram V. Hart has sold his house and lot to Johnathan Gordon of Woodstock. He will take possession soon.

Willie C. Topping from Plymouth, is spending a weeks vacation at home.

A small party of young people called on Misses Mina and Minnie James Tuesday evening, for a social chat.

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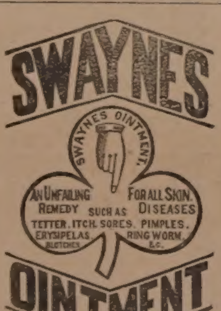

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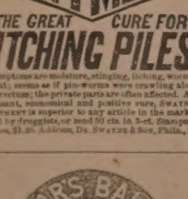

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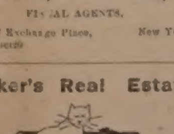

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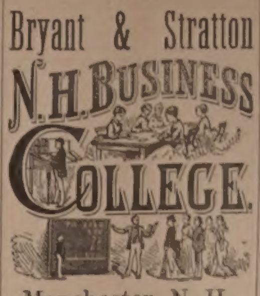

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NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS.

—Mr. John Eaton, United States Commissioner of Education, in a lecture on illiteracy, shows from the last census, as compared with the census of 1870, that there is relatively a gain of three per cent. in intelligence, but an absolute increase in the number of illiterates of 581,814.

—Four men were drowned by the foundering of a fishing smack near San Francisco.

—At Cincinnati during the past week there was an enlarged movement of hogs as compared with that of the corresponding week last year.

—The office of the *Commercial Advertiser* newspaper, in Buffalo, N. Y., was burned and adjoining buildings damaged, involving a loss of more than $300,000.

—A most important mail from New York for the West—600 pouches containing papers and 50,000 letters—was destroyed by fire near Schenectady on Thursday.

—A party of robbers attempted to capture a train on the Texas and Pacific Railroad but were fired upon and repulsed by the soldier guards on board.

—A milling house near Galveston, Texas, was blown down on Tuesday night, and five persons were killed by the accident.

—By the alleged defalcations by the cashier and assistant cashier the Second National Bank of Jefferson, Ohio, was compelled to close its doors.

—The City Bank of Rochester, N. Y., a State institution, with a capital of $200,000, suspended, its funds, to the extent of $220,000, having been used by its president in oil speculation.

—George Bancroft, the historian, has presented the City of Worcester, Mass., with a free scholarship for the most apt pupil in its public schools.

—The Treasurer of DeWitt County, Ill., committed suicide yesterday by hanging.

—The socialists of Chicago propose to parade under arms at the reception of Herr Most, and will thereby violate a State law.

—General N. M. Curtis paid the fine of $1,000 imposed upon him by the Supreme Court for unlawfully receiving political assessments.

—Mrs. Wackerle, of St. Louis, on whom two life insurance companies attempted to force a man as her deceased husband, has commenced suit against the companies for damages and conspiracy.

—Hardiman, who shot the Methodist exhorter Warner at Utica on Monday, now claims that he did it in self-defence, fearing Warner would shoot him if not prevented.

—Numerous disasters during the storm of Tuesday last are reported from Newfoundland.

—The manufacturers and dealers in proprietary articles, at a meeting held in Rochester, N. Y., appropriated $25,000 to employ counsel and prosecute all imitators or dealers in substitute goods.

—The defalcations of the late City Treasurer of London, Ont., aggregate $70,997.35.

—The ice harvest has already commenced on the Hudson River, the ice being clear and six inches thick.

—A collision on the Troy and Boston Railroad, near the former city, resulted in one man being instantly killed and others fatally injured.

—During an encounter near Montgomery, Ala., W. M. Kuns shot and mortally wounded Irby Lide.

—Bloodshed is apprehended in Custer County, Col., over an attempt to remove the county seat from Rosita to Silver Cliff.

—Four shocks of earthquake lasting ten seconds were felt at Dover, N. H., and other towns in the vicinity on Tuesday. A heavy shock was also experienced at Contoocook, in the same State.

—A man giving his name as George Coleman obtained $8,100 from a bank at Dallas, Tex., on a draft which was subsequently discovered to be a forgery. The stranger escaped with the money.

—Mr. James R. Keene testified before the New York State Senate Committee on Corners that the only dangerous corner he ever knew of was the existing one caused by the anthracite coal companies. He also denounced the existing freight rates.

—The brewers in New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey have resolved to increase the wholesale price of beer after January 1.

—An explosion occurred in the powder mill of Laflin & Rand, Passaic County, N. J. Three men were killed.

—At Richmond, Va., two medical students, arrested recently for attempted grave robbery, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment each.

—In a collision on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, three men were killed and several were seriously hurt.

—Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Schofield, of the Sixth Cavalry, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at Fort Apache, A. T.

—A powder house at Waterbury, Conn., blew up, injuring one man.

—The late hurricane about St. Johns, N. F., occasioned the loss of eight men who had gone to the rescue of a vessel.

—Ed. E. Rice, the author of "Evangeline," filed a petition in Boston to go into insolvency.

—Congressman Godlove S. Orth, of Indiana, died late on Saturday night at Lafayette. His illness was blood poisoning, superinduced by cancer.

—Owing to the uncertainty as to what may be the result of the tobacco tax agitation, there is a prospect of great suffering among the poorer classes employed in that industry in Virginia.

—Two boilers exploded in a tool factory at Canton, Ill., killing eight men and wounding others.

—The proposed World's Cotton Centennial is taking active shape in New Orleans.

—Two engines and twelve freight cars were wrecked in a collision on the Hudson River Railroad.

—A gang of robbers in St. Louis is imitating Jesse James.

—Uniontown, Pa., is excited over the return of a man after eighteen years' absence, to claim letters of administration on the estate of a daughter he had never seen, and after such letters had been granted to another party on alleged false affidavits.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

—At Philadelphia the Grand Jury found six true bills against each of the parties arrested for robbing graves in the Lebanon Cemetery. One of them subsequently made a confession. Two medical students and two negroes were arrested at midnight in a Richmond (Va.) cemetery. Three of the party were held on a charge of grave robbery.

—Another sad case of infidelity has been made public in Buffalo. Mrs. Martha J. Collins, a sane woman, has been released from a lunatic asylum in which she was incarcerated at the hands of her husband in October last.

—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Keely Motor Company, in Philadelphia, very reassuring reports were read, and the announcement of the patenting of the discovery was read.

—The false work of a bridge, 200 feet long, at Canaan, four miles west of the Pecos River, on the Mexican Pacific Railway, with 200 workmen upon it, fell a distance of seventy-five feet on Wednesday. Seven of the men were killed outright and twelve others were seriously injured.

—The Marquis of Lorne has forwarded as a present to Queen Victoria four carloads of fine sheep.

—The annual report of the Public Printer was laid before the Senate on Wednesday. It shows that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, the total expense of the office was $2,633,159.08, which includes the expense of binding, $580,510.83, of paper, $492,527.80; of lithographing and engraving, $274,154.99, and of the *Congressional Record*, $150,902.19. The aggregate amount expended is $419,219.81 larger than the expense in any previous year.

—General Grant, writing to recommend the passage of the bill increasing pensions of those who lost a limb, says: "I concur in recommending the passage of the above bill. No pension can compensate the men who have lost one or more limbs, and I should have been glad to see that class of pensions well provided for, instead of the indiscriminate pensions, many of whom are physically as good as they would have been if the war had never been fought."

—Secretary Folger has issued a circular suspending the exchanges of three and a half per cent. bonds into three per cent. bonds from December 20, 1882, to February 1, 1883. Between these dates three and a half per cent. bonds intended for exchange will be received and filed in the order of their receipt, the exchange being effected upon the reopening of the books February 1, 1883. Upon the resumption of the exchange of bonds and until further notice the interest on the three and a half per cent. bonds surrendered for exchange into three per cent. bonds will cease February 1, 1883, and the three per cent. bonds issued therefor will bear interest from that date, and department circulars heretofore issued concerning the exchange of three and a half per cent. bonds are modified accordingly.

—Postmaster-General Howe has issued an order to all postmasters notifying them that the section of the Postal laws governing the exclusion of obscene matter from the mails is amended so that hereafter when any postmaster is in doubt whether certain publications come within the statute the question shall be submitted to the United States District Attorney in whose district the post office is situated instead of to the First Assistant Postmaster General, as has been the custom.

—The report of the Committee on American Shipping Interests was presented to both Houses, and is being printed for the use of the commercial committees.

—General Sherman would retire from the army under the Compulsory Retirement act in the spring of 1884, but it is his intention to give up the entire active command of the army in the fall of next year after he has made his annual report for the present fiscal year and otherwise closed his affairs. He proposes to retire gracefully and leave everything in good shape for his successor, Lieutenant General Sheridan. Upon leaving the army General Sherman will take up his residence in St. Louis.

—In answer to a request from Pittsburgh, Pa., the Secretary of the Treasury has decided that a Chinaman now residing in that city could not bring into this country, under the Chinese restriction, a wife that he intends to marry in China, though if he was already married and his wife was in China, she could come.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

—A railway passenger train in Italy has been stopped and robbed by an armed band.

—A cage containing miners descending the Hardenburg mine in Prussia fell to the bottom of the shaft; twenty persons were killed.

—The Prussian government intends to replace chambers of commerce by chambers of economists.

—An appeal is made for aid to enable distressed people in Ireland to emigrate to America.

—Irish police believe that they have a clew to the identity of the murderers of Lord Mountmorres.

—The Egyptian courts of inquiry and courts martial have been dissolved; the bulk of the prisoners will be released.

—Ex-Empress Eugenie of France has presented to the city of Marseilles the park and castle which the court of law recently decided to belong to her.

—Herr Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, states that the peace of Europe is in no way threatened.

—Overdank, the bomb manufacturer, was executed at Trieste. He showed no concern whatever, and laughed as he was about to be hanged. To the last he refused spiritual help.

—Fifteen of the women injured by the explosion in the cartridge factory at Mont Valerien, France, on Monday, have died. Others of the injured women are expected to die.

—There was a great fire at Canton, China, Nov. 7 and 8. Eight hundred houses were destroyed and many lives lost, including firemen who were burned to death. The Viceroy visited the scene with a body of soldiers to prevent robberies, and fierce fights occurred between the thieves and citizens.

—There is a general rising in the province of Yu-Nan, China.

—Russia has protested against the plundering of her subjects on the Chinese frontier.

—Recent failures to the extent of $4,500,000 among tin plate firms in England have completely demoralized the trade.

—A famine is reported in Carrick, county Donegal, Ireland; 2,500 persons are in danger of starving.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

SENATE.

The Senate voted to refer the French spoliation claims to a United States Court to ascertain the law and the facts.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, Rep., of Vt., the House bill to amend the act to repeal discriminating duties on goods produced east of the Cape of Good Hope was taken up and passed. Mr. Davis, in charge of the Indian Appropriation bill, made a brief statement of its provisions. The estimates for the year, he said, was $4,[illegible]; the bill, as it came from the House, appropriated $3,[illegible], and the Senate Committee added $[illegible]. The amount appropriated last year was $5,[illegible], so that the appropriation this year would be $1,[illegible] less than the estimate, and $[illegible] less than the appropriation last year. The bill was then read and nearly all the amendments reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs agreed to.

The bill introduced by Mr. Morgan, to restrict United States courts from interfering with State and local taxation, prohibits United States Circuit and District courts from enjoining the collection of any tax levied in a State, under the laws thereof, or in any county or municipality of any State levied by authority of such State.

HOUSE.

James H. McLean, by a vote of 144 to 13 was admitted as a member from the Second Missouri District.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, Rep., Wis., the appropriation for Star routes was increased to $6,[illegible].

In Committee of the Whole the Post Office appropriation bill was discussed. The reduction in letter postage to two cents was advocated in speeches by Messrs. Townshend, Dem., Ill.; Hill, Rep., N. J.; Anderson, Rep., Kan.; Willis, Dem., Ky.; Dunnell, Rep., Minn.; Springer, Dem., Ill., and Robeson, Rep., N. J., and was opposed by Messrs. Atkins, Dem., Tenn.; Reagan, Dem., Tex.; Blount, Dem., Ga., and Mills, Dem., Tex.

The House refused to adjourn over the Christmas holidays. On motion of Mr. Robeson, of New Jersey, the House further voted, yeas 111, nays 102, to fine every member $50 who is absent from a roll call during the holiday period.

Mr. Dawes offered an amendment authorizing the use of $1,000 of the appropriation for Joseph's band of Nez Perces Indians, in the Indian territory to pay the expenses of removing them to a more favorable location. Rejected.

The bill permitting retired army officers to hold civil offices in the Territories was passed. The Post Office Appropriation bill was passed.

Mr. Richardson, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for full information in regard to all measures to secure the arrest and trial of H. W. Howgate.

A bill introduced by Representative Cassidy, of Nevada, proposes a repeal of the acts of the Governor and Legislature of Utah conferring the elective franchise upon the women of the Territory. It is intended as a measure to aid in the suppression of polygamy and not as a blow at the general principle of female suffrage.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD JOE'S PIPE.

Probably the youngest confirmed smoker of tobacco in New York is Joseph Granger, a chubby four-year-old who lives at No. 9 Mulberry street. His father, August Granger, is a skilled French glass worker, employed in D. Durand's Worth street factory. The other day a *Sun* reporter saw the youngster toddling about the shop with his lighted pipe in his mouth. He is a four-year-old of full size. His eyes are bright and clear, and his cheeks were rosy enough to show good color, despite the trying effect of a Tam O'Shanter cap of flaming red. The plumpness which severely strained the buttons of his comfortable overcoat was apparently solid and healthy tissue. He manifested a wholesome respect for Mr. Durand, but sturdily resisted that gentleman's effort to take away his pipe. He howled dismally when his resistance was overcome and the pipe was forced from his clenched teeth and determined grasp. It was a common wooden pipe, soaked and strong.

The reporter consoled Joe with a cigar. He seized it eagerly. It was a big one, full flavored, dark and strong. The baby smoker shut his fist tightly upon it, held it jealously against his breast, and clamored for a match. His little teeth were scarcely equal to the task of biting off the end of the cigar, but he nibbled at it until he found it would draw, and then scratched his match. Having secured a good light, he smoked away with every air of satisfaction at the change, nodding his head vigorously when asked if he liked the cigar better than the pipe. His pipe he holds firmly in his teeth, and scarcely puts his hand to it until it is smoked out. The cigar was too big to close his teeth on comfortably, so he held it between his lips with one hand, never letting go his hold upon it for an instant, and very seldom taking it out of his mouth.

The father of this four-year-old is not without concern as to the effect of his indulgence in tobacco. He is a heavy smoker himself. Little Joe has been addicted to the weed since he was eighteen months old. He was weaned at that age. The family don't remember how he first came to get hold of a pipe. It never made him sick. When they had got over gratifying his taste for the sake of the oddity, and tried to break him of the habit, they found that they couldn't. The sight of a pipe was the signal for an outcry that could be stilled only by allowing him to smoke. They gave it up. Joe has since smoked regularly, and calls upon his mother to fill his pipe as soon as he gets up in the morning. He smokes through the day as often as he can prevail upon her to give him a pipeful of tobacco. His health seems to be good, but he is inclined to taciturnity. When he has his pipe in his mouth it is difficult to get a word out of him, and his customary attitude is one of meditation. Whether this is really the outward and visible sign of deep thought or of the stupefying effect of the tobacco, Mr. Granger does not attempt to say. The boy sleeps well, but eats scarcely two solid ounces of food a day, though he is plump as a partridge.

Hanging the Joyces.

Patrick Joyce, Myles Joyce and Patrick Casey, the three men convicted of participation in the murder of the Joyce family at Maamtrasna on the night of the 17th of August last, were hanged in the jail at Galway, Ireland, on Friday. The weather was raw and cold. The prison inside and outside was heavily guarded.

The three prisoners heard mass shortly before the time set for the execution. They refused to partake of breakfast. They ascended the scaffold with a firm step. Casey who had uttered a moan at the first sight of the gallows, mounted the steps two at a time. Before the drop fell Myles Joyce spoke in Irish, as follows:—"I am going before God. I was not there at all and had no hand or part in it. Lord, forgive them that swore against me."

He continued to reiterate his innocence to the end. The drop fell at a quarter after eight o'clock simultaneously for all three of them. Myles Joyce alone struggled slightly, there being some hitch with the rope. His dying speech was delivered with extraordinary vehemence. He was still speaking when the drop fell.

At the inquest following the execution it was proved that the necks of Casey and Patrick Joyce were fractured and Myles Joyce died of strangulation. The doctor who examined the remains of the three men deposed that Myles Joyce must have struggled for two or three minutes.

It was shown that after the rope had been adjusted around his neck he turned and addressed the reporters, thus disarranging the rope. The jury severely censured Marwood, the hangman, for his carelessness.

Beauty No. 15.

Among the fifty young women who were on exhibition at a beauty show in a New York Museum, was an auburn-haired Englishwoman. She was No. 15, and to the management she gave her name as Mrs. Duke.

She was always dressed in good taste, and her manners were modest and retiring. She would not talk with visitors, and when they offered votes to her she refused them.

The prize for the handsomest figure was awarded to her. She entered the museum on Monday, November 12, and was there every day throughout the contest, which lasted two weeks. As one of the prize-winners she remained one week longer until Saturday, December 1, when she was removed by her husband.

He said that he was an English squire, and had come to this country after his wife. Her mind had been affected, and she had left her home and wandered to Liverpool, where she took passage on a steamer for New York. Her name and the name of her husband and his residence are withheld from publication at his request. He will take her back to England.

Generous.—The people of Southern Italy have subscribed twenty-five thousand dollars for those who suffered from the inundation in the North, and so much sympathetic and kindly feeling has been created between the two extremities of the country that a correspondent of the London *Times* ventures to write that the disasters of Lombardy and Venice may be regarded almost as a national good.

The proper way to warm the house is to keep the cellar sealed.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE.

Troubles of Mr. Ernault Williams and His Bride.

A Baltimore citizen says: A sensation has been created in society circles in Baltimore by Mr. Ernault Williams, the son of the Hon. George H. Williams, President of the Maryland State Senate, marrying against his father's wishes and then to-day filing a motion in the Circuit Court to set aside a deed of trust by which he had conveyed to his father all of his property in consideration of an annuity of $2,000 per annum. There is an interesting romance connected with the affair. In the motion filed to-day the young man simply states that the reasons for the transfer which existed at the time of the signing of the deed of trust do not now exist, and asks to be given control of his own property. Early last spring it became known in society here that Mr. Ernault Williams was engaged to be married to Miss Lillie Hesbitt, of this city. Young Williams is one of the best known society men in Baltimore, and the announcement attracted considerable attention, which did not wane when it was rumored that Senator Williams bitterly opposed the match. The young man was apparently determined to have his way and the father to have his, and much curiosity was manifested to know how the affair would turn out.

The wedding day was fixed for June 14 last. Cards were issued, the bride's trousseau was prepared, when a few days before the marriage, the groom set sail for Europe, and society was lost in wonder. Later it transpired that previous to the groom's departure he had been compelled to make a deed of trust to his father of his entire fortune, amounting to $200,000, inherited from his grandfather, the late Hon. J. Gittings. It is said that at the time there was a stormy scene between father and son, and that the latter was persuaded into signing the deed by the Senator, who had always exercised a strong control over the young man. Some thought that this settled the whole affair, and many of young Williams's friends at the club condemned him for not having courage enough to marry the lady whether the Senator opposed the wedding or not, but they have now altered their opinion.

When the groom-elect, apparently much against his will, went to New York before sailing for Liverpool he wrote a long letter to his fiance assuring her of his continued love and desire to marry her, and promising to speedily return. During his absence abroad he corresponded with her regularly, though his father, it is said, knew nothing of love letters that were passing between them, thinking, no doubt, that he had forever broken off the match. What was his astonishment, then, when about a month ago Ernault returned home, and 24 hours after his arrival the cards were again issued for the wedding, and the happy couple were married in presence of a fashionable assemblage at the residence of the bride's parents.

Of course the Senator was not at the wedding, and, from what can be learned, he is unrelenting and refuses to recognize his son or transfer back to him his property. The trial of the case will be very interesting, and is eagerly looked forward to by the legal fraternity and society people.

After Twenty-five Years.

General Roger A. Pryor, now of New York City, when asked by a reporter for his reminiscences of the challenge to fight a duel with bowie knives in a locked room, sent him by John F. Potter, a Congressman from Wisconsin, who is now dying at Milwaukee on the Poor Farm, as well as the trouble preceding the sending of the challenge, spoke as follows:

"I am unaffectedly reluctant to talk about the matter, and for twenty-five years I have silently submitted to an inaccurate and injurious statement of the affair. The version which party feeling gave to the affair has gone so long without question that I doubt if anything from me will now vindicate the truth. Nevertheless, in reply to your inquiry, I will give you in a word the facts of the case.

"An angry debate having occurred between Mr. Potter and myself on the floor of the House of Representatives, I determined to send him a challenge. I prepared the paper and left it in the hands of a friend to deliver, while to escape arrest or interruption I went immediately to Alexandria, Va., in concealment. I heard nothing more of the matter until I received a message from my friends that the thing was ended and that I should return to Washington. Then, for the first time, I was told that Mr. Potter, who had not left Washington, had proposed a fight with bowie knives, and that my friends, for reasons satisfactory to themselves, had peremptorily rejected the proposition. The friends who acted on my behalf were Mr. Muscoe, R. H. Garnett, of Virginia; Mr. Wm. Porcher, Miles and Mr. Lawrence M. Keitt, of South Carolina. These gentlemen rejected the proposition without communicating with me and without my knowledge. Indeed, I repeat that I did not know of the proposition until it had been rejected. Upon consultation with friends whether I might not yet accept the proposition, they unanimously advised that I could not disavow the action of the gentlemen to whom I had entrusted my interests. Accordingly, I had no alternative but to acquiesce. Do not understand me to question the propriety of the conduct of these gentlemen."

"What was the altercation between you and Mr. Potter?"

"I do not remember; and if I did I should not care to talk about it. These are escapades of my youth, of which I now see the folly, and which I prefer to let drop into oblivion."

Too Slow.—Miss Sumner of Waterford, Minn., being about to elope with Edward Lamphere, was careful to instruct him which of the two horses to take from her father's stable, because one was slow and the other fast and she knew that the remaining beast would be used for pursuit. But Lamphere made a mistake, and the pair were overtaken before they reached a minister.

A hermit by the name of Birch has been discovered right in the heart of the city of Washington, living in a shanty behind a bill board. It may be that he came to live in that way because he could not face his board bill.—*N. O. Picayune.*

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PHOSPHATES.

The deposit of phosphate rock, to the mining of which the Sea Islands of South Carolina, owe, to a great extent, their present prosperity, extends from the Cooper River on the north to the Broad River on the south. The tract of land and water supposed to be underlaid by the phosphate stratum is about one hundred miles long by twenty-five miles wide. Originally, I think, says Frank Wilkeson, all this tract was under water, and the islands were formed by the slow growth of sand bars and the gradual elevation of the country. The phosphate rock lies on a bed of clay, not in a solid sheet, as might be expected, but much as paving stones in the sand-bed of a city's streets. The stratum is of an average thickness of one foot. An acre will yield 1,000 tons of dried phosphate rock fit for the market. In the rivers and shallow bays the stratum is generally covered by a thin layer of sand or muck, and many tons of loose rocks are scattered widely on the almost solid surface of the main deposit. These pieces have probably been torn up from the pavement by the tides. In the marshes the rock is covered by from three to twenty feet of muck, and under the islands it is deeply covered by sand and gravel. It is only such rock as lies under the water, or is carried by a shallow deposit of muck on the marshy ground, that is worked at present. The process of obtaining this rock is called mining; but, when it is under water, it is more properly fishing, as from eight to twenty feet of water cover the stratum at high tide. I judge that the clay bed on which the phosphate rock lies was a pasture ground for large mastodons that grazed to and fro at will over the marshy ground as the tide ebbed and flowed. The fossil remains of sharks, clams, oysters, and mastodons are scattered throughout the phosphate formation.

Judging from the size of these fossil remains it is safe to assert that there were animals that grazed on these old pasture grounds that could have carried off the powerful grapples used. Fishing in these waters in those days would have been solemn sport. It is safer, more pleasant and more profitable to fish in the graveyard of the mastodons than it would have been to tickle their backs with fish hooks in the present ages.

The rock is carried by lighters to the works and mills. These are divided into two classes. Some wash and dry the rock, preparing it for shipment to the Northern States and to Europe, where it is ground and prepared for market. Other mills in the South grind the rock and prepare it for use as a fertiliser. The fertilizing property of the rock is the bone phosphate of lime. The common quality of the fertiliser prepared is manufactured by treating the ground rock with sulphuric acid. Higher grades are obtained by mixing bone dust, cotton-seed meal, and other high grade fertilizers with the ground rock.

On an Ironclad.

The first nine-inch shot which struck the Albermarle during her engagement with the Federal Fleet in Albermarle Sound, says M. Quad, staggered a dozen men and made a dozen others cry out. I have talked with fifty different men who have fought on board the rams or iron-clads, and all agree that the sound of a heavy shot striking the heavy armor is something which has no comparison. The heavier the wood backing the less echo there is when struck, but the jar of every shot is plainly felt all over the craft. To the noise of the enemy's shot is added the fire of the heavy guns aboard, and it is no wonder some men are made deaf for days afterward.

At one time during the fight of the Albermarle she received from thirty-five to forty shots per minute. Men who had cotton in their ears compared the situation to one being in a cavern and hearing a thunderstorm raging outside. Those whose ears were wide open were almost deafened, and the flame of well-trimmed lamps died away and was totally extinguished under the outside pounding. The fight accidentally revealed the fact that one who placed a small pellet of cotton in each ear and some substance in his mouth to keep his teeth apart, suffered the least of all. The same thing was afterward tried on board of Federal mortar-schooners, and took away much of the unpleasant sensation.

Not the First.—The first letter written by Queen Victoria after her accession was one of condolence to her aunt, Queen Adelaide. She addressed it to "Her Majesty the Queen." It was submitted to her that "Dowager" should be added. "I will not be the first to remind her of her altered position," was the reply.

MARKET NOTES.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The Wholesale New York market quotations show:

Beans—Prime $3 60@$3.65; fair to good, $2.65@$2.70 per bushel.

Butter—New York sold at 35@36c. for choice in pails, and 30@33c. common to good. Western sold at 43@44c. and the common Western at 18@31c.

Cheese—Factory fancy, 13c.@13½c.; do. fair to good, 9@10c.

Eggs—Quotations ranged from 29c. for ordinary, to 35c. for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Flour—Superfine, $3.30@$3.80; Western, $4.45@$7.40; extra New York, $3.80@$6.00.

Hay—Shipping, 55@60c.; clover, 45@70c. salt, 65c.; straw, 30@40c.

Hops—New York, 90c@95c; Eastern, 80@90c.; yearlings, 80@90c.; olds, —@—.

Petroleum—Refined, 7⅞c.; crude, 7¼@7½c. in bulk; in barrels, 8⅝c.; naphtha, 6⅝c. in shipping order, and 11¾@12⅜c. in cases.

Pork—New mess, $18.50@$19.00; dressed hogs, 7¾@8c.

Wheat—Spring No. 2, —@97½c.; Milwaukee, No. 2, $1.26; amber, $1.12@$1.40; white, 88c@$1.13.

Rye—State, 66@70½c.

Wool—Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. XXX, 45@4[illegible]c.; XX, 42@45c.; X, 42@43c.; No. 1, 45@47c.; No. 2, 38@40c.; common, 33@35c.; New York and Western XX and X, 39@43½c.; No. 1, 44@45c.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Flour—State family, —@$4.63; rye flour, $4.00@$4.12½; wheat, State, $—@$1.13; amber, $1.13; corn, yellow, 81c.; mixed State, 84c.

Petroleum—Refined, 7⅞c.; crude, 6⅛c.

Wool—State and Western XX, 46@50c.; X, 47@48c.; medium, 50@51c.; coarse, 45c.

BOSTON MARKET.

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HOW TO SECURE A PENSION.

A Little Advice Given by the Commissioner of Pensions.

Pension Commissioner Dudley has written a letter to a gentleman of New York City, who wrote asking whether there was any real necessity for employing pension attorneys and for a brief statement of the methods used by dishonest attorneys to swindle soldiers.

In reply the Commission said that section 4,748 of the Revised Statutes provides that the Commissioner of Pensions, on application being made to him in person or by letter by any claimant or applicant for pension, bounty, land or other allowance required by law to be adjusted or paid by the Pension Office, shall furnish to such person, free of all expense, all such printed instructions and forms as may be necessary in establishing and obtaining said claim.

When the claim, properly filled up and executed, is filed the receipt is acknowledged, the number of the claim given and the claimant notified that the same will be taken up in its order, at the same time a letter is forwarded containing full and complete instructions.

Necessarily considerable delay occurs between the time of filing the claim and its being taken up in its order, which delay the claimant is advised to employ in procuring the necessary evidence. When the case is reached and is taken up, if the evidence is all in and sufficient, the claim is settled at once.

Otherwise claimant is called upon for the particular kind of evidence required, and the circular calls are so worded that they cannot be misinterpreted by any one. The evidence of record is obtained by the office direct, as is also the medical examination by the medical boards in different parts of the country.

The Commission says the principal violations consist in the collection, under some guise or upon some pretext or another, of more than the fee allowed by law; the enforced collection of so-called expense fees or postage claims in advance by addressing the calls to this office for medical examinations or other evidence by C. O. D. packages; the collection of fees in advance and abandonment of claim as soon as fee is received; advertisements holding out inducements not warranted by law, by which honest soldiers are led to prefer baseless claims, the only advantage in such cases being that which accrued to the agent, who gets a fee.

"I ness I know what memory is," said a little four-year-old. "It's the ting I fordet wid."

[New York Graphic.]

O'Donovan Rossa's Opinion.

O'Donovan Rossa, speaking of the Great German Remedy to a friend, said: "Mrs. Rossa has been cured of a very severe attack of neuralgia by St. Jacobs Oil, as she will gladly tell you, if you call at my residence, 879 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y."

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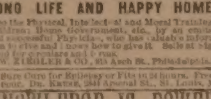

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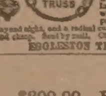

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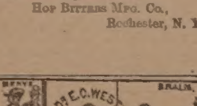

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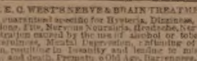

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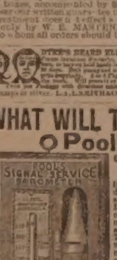

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